

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A coding device for encoding image data, comprising:
transforming means for performing discrete wavelet
5 transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating
transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-
bands;

coding means for entropy-coding each of said sub-
bands; and

- 10 generating means for monitoring the amount of a
predetermined sub-band in said each sub-band, and if the
predetermined sub-band exceeds a predetermined code length,
removing coded data included in an area where the sub-band
exceeds the predetermined code length, and if the
15 predetermined sub-band does not reach said predetermined
code length, adding dummy data to the coded data of said
sub-band, thereby generating fixed length coded data of
said predetermined code length.

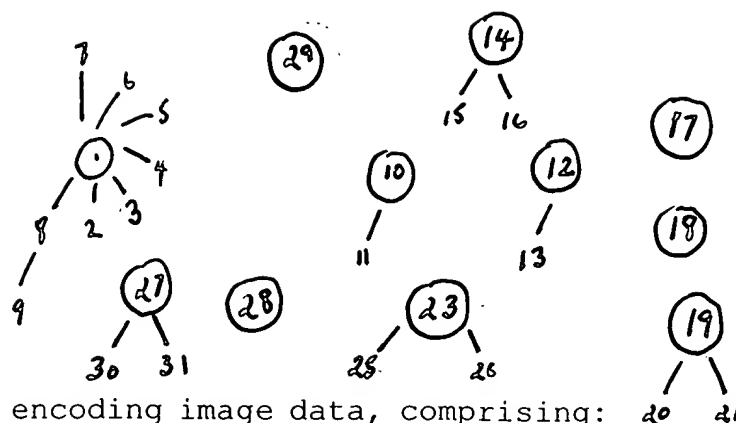
2. The coding device according to claim 1, further
20 comprising:

inputting means for inputting image data with voice;
and

- separating means for separating image data and voice
information from the image data with voice inputted by said
25 inputting means;

wherein the image data obtained by separation by said
separating means is defined as an object to be transformed

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by said transforming means, and for the voice information obtained by separation, coding with little information loss is performed.

3. The coding device according to claim 1, wherein for
5 the sub-band to be subjected to removal, bit planes are removed in ascending order with the lowest bit plane of bit planes expressing the sub-band being first.

4. The coding device according to claim 1, wherein said
10 generating means further comprises means for defining the lowest frequency sub-band of sub-bands obtained by said transforming means as said predetermined sub-band, and making its coded data to be fixed length data.

5. The coding device according to claim 1, wherein said
15 generating means further comprises means for defining each of sub-bands obtained by said transforming means as a predetermined sub-band, and defining the coded data of each sub-band as fixed length data.

6. The coding device according to claim 1, wherein said
20 generating means further comprises means for defining a resolution level constituted by a certain number of sub-bands of the sub-bands obtained by said transforming means as a unit, and defining coded data of such unit as fixed length data.

7. The coding device according to claim 1, wherein said
25 generating means generates a header when generating said fixed length coded data, and information about said fixed length coded data is written in this header.

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8. The coding device according to claim 1, wherein said transforming means comprises storing means for storing therein said transformation factor on a temporary basis, and quantization is performed in the order of from a lower level sub-band to a higher level sub-band from this storing means.
9. The coding device according to claim 8, wherein said transforming means gives a larger quantizing step to a higher sub-band at the time of said quantization.
10. A coding method of encoding image data, comprising:
 - a transforming step of performing discrete wavelet transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-bands;
 - coding step of entropy-coding each of said sub-bands; and
 - a generating step of monitoring the amount of a predetermined sub-band in said each sub-band, and if the predetermined sub-band exceeds a predetermined code length, removing coded data included in an area where the sub-band exceeds the predetermined code length, and if the predetermined sub-band does not reach said predetermined code length, adding dummy data to the coded data of said sub-band, thereby generating fixed length coded data of said predetermined code length.
11. The coding method according to claim 10, further comprising:

an inputting step of inputting image data with voice;
and

a separating step of separating image data and voice
information from the image data with voice inputted in said
5 inputting step;

wherein the image data obtained by separation in said
separating step is defined as an object to be transformed
in said transforming step, and for the voice information
obtained by separation, coding with little information loss
10 is performed.

12. A storage medium storing therein program codes
functioning as a coding device for encoding image data,
comprising:

a program code of a transforming step of performing
15 discrete wavelet transformation on inputted image data,
thereby generating transformation factors of a plurality
of frequency sub-bands;

a program code of a coding step of entropy-coding each
of said sub-bands; and

20 a program code of a generating step of monitoring the
amount of a predetermined sub-band in said each sub-band,
and if the predetermined sub-band exceeds a predetermined
code length, removing coded data included in an area where
the sub-band exceeds the predetermined code length, and if
25 the predetermined sub-band does not reach said
predetermined code length, adding dummy data to the coded

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data of said sub-band, thereby generating fixed length coded data of said predetermined code length.

13. The storage medium according to claim 12, further comprising:

5 a program code of an inputting step of inputting image data with voice; and

 a program code of a separating step of separating image data and voice information from the image data with voice inputted in said inputting step;

10 wherein the image data obtained by separation in said separating step is defined as an object to be transformed in said transforming step, and for the voice information obtained by separation, coding with little information loss is performed.

15 14. A coding method of encoding image data of each frame constituting an motion image, comprising:

 a transforming step of performing discrete wavelet transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-
20 bands;

 a coding step of entropy-coding each of said sub-bands; and

 a generating step of monitoring the amount of a predetermined sub-band in said each sub-band, and if the
25 predetermined sub-band exceeds a predetermined code length, removing coded data included in an area where the sub-band exceeds the predetermined code length, and if the

predetermined sub-band does not reach said predetermined code length, adding dummy data to the coded data of said sub-band, thereby generating fixed length coded data of said predetermined code length.

5 15. The coding method according to claim 14, wherein the predetermined sub-band of which said coded data is length-fixed is the lowest frequency sub-band.

16. The coding method according to claim 14, wherein the predetermined sub-bands of which said coded data are

length-fixed are the lowest frequency sub-band and higher frequency sub-bands subsequent thereto.

17. A coding device for encoding image data of each frame constituting an motion image, comprising:

transforming means for performing discrete wavelet
15 transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating
transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-
bands;

coding means for entropy-coding each of said sub-bands; and

generating means for monitoring the amount of a
predetermined sub-band in said each sub-band, and if the
predetermined sub-band exceeds a predetermined code length,
removing coded data included in an area where the sub-band
exceeds the predetermined code length, and if the
predetermined sub-band does not reach said predetermined
code length, adding dummy data to the coded data of said

sub-band, thereby generating fixed length coded data of said predetermined code length.

18. A storage medium storing therein program codes functioning as a coding device for encoding image data of each frame constituting an motion image, comprising:

a program code of a transforming step of performing discrete wavelet transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-bands;

10 a program code of a code transforming step of entropy-coding each of said sub-bands; and

a program code of a generating step of monitoring the amount of a predetermined sub-band in said each sub-band, and if the predetermined sub-band exceeds a predetermined code length, removing coded data included in an area where the sub-band exceeds the predetermined code length, and if the predetermined sub-band does not reach said predetermined code length, adding dummy data to the coded data of said sub-band, thereby generating fixed length coded data of said predetermined code length.

19. An image playing-back method of decoding/playing-back according to 1 to n-fold playback speeds each frame image coded data obtained by dividing image data of each frame constituting an motion image into frequency sub-bands and encoding the same so that the coded data of predetermined sub-bands of the frequency sub-bands are length-fixed,

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wherein at least one of said length-fixed coded data are decoded as objects to be decoded, and are played back as images of frames to be decoded, in accordance with said playback speed.

5 20. The playing-back method according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined sub-band of which said coded data is length-fixed is the lowest frequency sub-band, and the coded data of said lowest frequency sub-band is decoded as an object to be decoded in accordance with said playback
10 speeds, and is played back as an image of a frame to be decoded.

21. The playing-back method according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined sub-bands of which said coded data are length-fixed are the lowest frequency sub-band and higher
15 frequency sub-bands subsequent thereto, and the coded data of the lowest frequency component, or some coded data of the lowest frequency component and higher frequency sub-bands subsequent thereto are decoded as objects to be decoded in accordance with said playback speeds, and are
20 played back as images of frames to be decoded.

22. An image playing-back device for decoding/playing-back according to 1 to n-fold playback speeds each frame image coded data obtained by dividing image data of each frame constituting an motion image into frequency sub-bands
25 and encoding the same so that the coded data of predetermined sub-bands of the frequency sub-bands are length-fixed, comprising:

playing-back means for decoding at least one of said length-fixed coded data and playing back the same as images of frames to be decoded, in accordance with said playback speed.

- 5 23. A storage medium storing therein program codes functioning as an image playing-back device for decoding/playing-back according to 1 to n-fold playback speeds each frame image coded data obtained by dividing image data of each frame constituting an motion image into
10 frequency sub-bands and encoding the same so that the coded data of predetermined sub-bands of the frequency sub-bands are length-fixed, comprising:

a program code of a generating step of decoding at least one of said length-fixed coded data and playing back the
15 same as images of frames to be decoded, in accordance with said playback speed.

24. A coding method of encoding image data of each frame constituting an motion image, comprising:

a transforming step of performing discrete wavelet
20 transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-bands;

a dividing step of dividing into code blocks a plurality of frequency sub-bands obtained in said
25 transforming step;

a decomposing step of forming into bit planes the code blocks obtained in said dividing step, and decomposing each bit plane into three coding passes;

a coding step of encoding said each coding pass, and
5 distributing the obtained coded data to a plurality of layers, thereby generating coded data having a layer structure; and

a code length controlling step of controlling the coded data of a predetermined layer in said each layer so that
10 it takes on a predetermined code length.

25. The coding method according to claim 23, wherein the predetermined layer of which said coded data is length-fixed is a layer including coding passes for constructing the uppermost bit plane obtained in said decomposing step.

15 26. The coding method according to claim 23, wherein the predetermined layer of which said coded data is length-fixed is each of a plurality of layers.

27. A coding device for encoding image data of each frame constituting an motion image, comprising:

20 transforming means for performing discrete wavelet transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-bands;

dividing means for dividing into code blocks a
25 plurality of frequency sub-bands obtained in said transforming step;

decomposing means for forming into bit planes the code blocks obtained in said dividing step, and decomposing each bit plane into three coding passes;

coding means for encoding said each coding pass, and
5 distributing the obtained coded data to a plurality of layers, thereby generating coded data having a layer structure; and

code length controlling for controlling the coded data of a predetermined layer in said each layer so that it takes
10 on a predetermined code length.

28. A storage medium storing therein program codes functioning as a coding device for encoding image data of each frame constituting an motion image, comprising:

a program code of a transforming step of performing
15 discrete wavelet transformation on inputted image data, thereby generating transformation factors of a plurality of frequency sub-bands;

a program code of a dividing step of dividing into code blocks a plurality of frequency sub-bands obtained in said
20 transforming step;

a program code of a decomposing step of forming into bit planes the code blocks obtained in said dividing step, and decomposing each bit plane into three coding passes;

a program code of a coding step of encoding said each
25 coding pass, and distributing the obtained coded data to a plurality of layers, thereby generating coded data having a layer structure; and

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a program cod of a code length controlling step of controlling the coded data of a predetermined layer in said each layer so that it takes on a predetermined code length.

29. An image playing-back method of forming into bit planes transformation factors obtained by subjecting image data of each frame constituting an motion image to wavelet transformation, decomposing each bit plane into three coding passes, distributing coded data expressing these coding passes to a plurality of layers, and decoding/playing-back each frame image coded data subjected to length fixation according to 1 to n-fold playback speeds for the coded data of predetermined layers, wherein at least one of said length-fixed coded data are decoded as objects to be decoded, and are played back as images of frames to be decoded, in accordance with said playback speed.

30. The coding method according to claim 27, wherein the predetermined layer of which said coded data is length-fixed is a layer including coding passes for constructing the uppermost bit plane in said each bit plane.

31. The coding method according to claim 27, wherein the predetermined layer of which said coded data is length-fixed is each of a plurality of layers.

32. An image playing-back device for forming into bit planes transformation factors obtained by subjecting image data of each frame constituting an motion image to wavelet transformation, decomposing each bit plane into three

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coding passes, distributing coded data expressing these coding passes to a plurality of layers, and decoding/playing-back each frame image coded data subjected to length fixation according to 1 to n-fold playback speeds for the coded data of predetermined layers, comprising:

means for decoding at least one of said length-fixed coded data and playing back the same as images of frames to be decoded, in accordance with said playback speed.

- 10 33. A storage medium storing therein program codes functioning as an image playing-back device for forming into bit planes transformation factors obtained by subjecting image data of each frame constituting an motion image to wavelet transformation, decomposing each bit plane
- 15 into three coding passes, distributing coded data expressing these coding passes to a plurality of layers, and decoding/playing-back each frame image coded data subjected to length fixation according to 1 to n-fold playback speeds for the coded data of predetermined layers,
- 20 comprising:

a program code of a step of decoding at least one of said length-fixed coded data and playing back the same as images of frames to be decoded, in accordance with said playback speed.